

ACTION TO SAVE NAVY IS URGED BY ROOSEVELT

Wants \$20,000,000 at Once
to Remodel Capital Ships
Under Five-Power Treaty

CITES BRITAIN AND JAPAN

Principal Need Is to Widen
Firing Radius of Big Guns
by the Increase of Elevation

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Universal Service.

Immediate action to modernize the eighteen battleships of the American navy to prevent this country from falling far behind the British fleet in fighting efficiency has been urged upon leaders on the naval committees of the House by the Navy Department, it was disclosed last night.

ROOSEVELT AT CAPITOL.
Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt went to the Capitol and strongly recommended to members of both the Naval Appropriations subcommittee and the Naval Affairs Committee an emergency appropriation of \$20,000,000 for remodeling the capital ships permitted to be retained under the five-power treaty.

This amount, Colonel Roosevelt emphasized, is urgently needed to do the preliminary work declared by the Navy General Board to be essential if the United States Navy is not to be hopelessly outclassed by British battleships. The task of remodeling those of the eighteen vessels which are greatly inferior to the modern British craft will cost \$20,000,000. The remainder, it was stated, could be deferred until the new Congress meets.

URGES MODERNIZING.
Modernizing the battleships is the most important feature of the General Board's plan to meet the naval activities of Great Britain and Japan. The board also has a program for sixteen 10,000-ton cruisers, submarines, gunboats, etc., to meet construction of these types by the other two big naval powers.

Formal request for the \$20,000,000 appropriation is expected to go to the House within the next few days. It will have to be taken up first by the Naval Affairs Committee and special enabling legislation enacted before the Appropriations Committee can consider an appropriation. It is generally agreed, however, that the cost of the work should be put under way without delay and if the Naval Affairs Committee favorably reports a bill authorizing the appropriation, it is probable that an effort will be made to tuck it onto the navy bill now pending in the Senate.

One of the difficulties is that the present law limits to \$300,000 the amount that may be expended on one battleship in a year. Great Britain spent as much as \$4,000,000 in modernizing one vessel.

WIDEN FIRING RADIUS.
The principal work that Colonel Roosevelt said it was proposed to do with the \$20,000,000 is to increase the elevation of the big guns. By raising her turret guns to a 30-degree firing elevation, Great Britain's battle fleet now has a battle range of 30,000 yards, whereas two-thirds of the American battleships can fire only 21,000 yards. The British ships also are much faster than this country's, so that they can remain five miles out of range of the United States fleet and still fire on the American ships.

The other modernizing work includes strengthening deck armor for greater protection against airplanes and high angle firing from long range; increase of anti-aircraft guns from three to five-inch caliber; equipment of all battleships with torpedoes and depth bombs; and conversion of all coal-burning ships into oil-burners to increase their effective radius of action.

Plate Printers Present

Dinner Set to Zihman

Representative Fred N. Zihman, of Maryland, yesterday was the recipient of a handsome twelve-piece silver dinner set presented by members of the Plate Printers Union in recognition of his efforts to have the House strike out of the Treasury Department appropriation bill a provision which required the substitution of fifty-eight power presses for 156 hand-plate presses. Although he failed in his efforts, and 518 men will be discharged next July, the gift was made as an expression of gratitude.

Presentation was made by a delegation headed by Frank J. Coleman, editor of "The Plate Printer," and including Andrew J. Fallon, president of the Plate Printers Union; Frank S. Milovich, vice president; Thomas J. McQuade, chairman of the executive committee; James H. Windsor, Thomas A. Jarvis, James H. McVay and Maurice McArthur.

Daughter of Banker

Saves Woman from Fire

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Miss Helen House, twenty-one, Smith College student, daughter of J. Arthur House, president of the Guardians Savings and Trust Company, played the role of heroine when fire destroyed their \$125,000 home just before daybreak.

Awakened by smoke she rushed to the room of the housekeeper, Miss Olga Nordland, and dragged the form of the unconscious woman to the street through smoke-filled corridors. F. C. Mills, her eighty-year-old grandfather was rescued by firemen.

Many valuable art treasures were destroyed.

Time Is Future Unit of Commercial Life, Henry Ford Thinks

World Is Standing on Threshold of New
Phase of Transportation, With Air-
plane to Surpass All, He Declares.

By Universal Service.

"Henceforth time, not distance, is the unit of commercial life." Henry Ford asserted this in a statement on the future of aviation made public yesterday by the National Aeronautic Association in the United States Air Service Magazine.

"We are standing on the threshold of a new phase of transportation," said Mr. Ford. The statement follows:
"The real champions of the people at large are engineers and inventors. The inventor stands with the greatest benefactors of humanity. His work is permanent and the benefits thereof accrue till the end of time."

PERIOD MEMORABLE.
Centuries hence the times in which we live will be remembered as the period when automobiles began to contribute their economic service to mankind, and when man first began to fly. Today, the motor car is the greatest example of how an industry can influence the everyday life of millions. Automotive development has brought to a stage of reliability and economic performance the automobile, the motor boat, and is now being used in the large ocean-going steamers.

In view, however, of the constant search for a means of annihilating time and space, the most serious attention and consideration are being given to aviation. Here is something new. We are standing on the threshold of a new phase of transportation. There is no doubt of the continued development in the navigation of the 'air ocean' and such development will far surpass in rapid service any other means of transportation on land or water.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENCY.
Aviation does not compete with surface methods of transportation. It is a supplementary agency. It is the conquest of the last element in the chain of man's control of natural forces. Henceforth time, not distance, is the unit of commercial life.

The new art of flying brings new problems to automotive engineers and inventors. When airplanes reached the speed of approximately four miles a minute at Detroit recently, the layman could be excused for thinking that the ultimate had been reached, but there is still room for improvement. About all that we have learned so far is that we can fly; the rest is yet to be learned.

The inventor and engineer have

WOMEN FIGHT FALSE NOTIONS ABOUT SEX

Radio Lectures of Department
of Labor Give Publicity
to Achievements.

"PIN - MONEY" ASSAILED

Has Wrought Great Mischief
In Keeping Wages Low,
Is Charge.

By Universal Service.

The Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor yesterday broadcast to the world by radio that the United States is going to receive "a good mental housecleaning" to rid it of "antiquated" ideas about women.

It gave the first of a series of radio lectures intended to accomplish this housecleaning. Following is a part:

FIGHT PREJUDICES.

"We must fight the false ideas and old prejudices about women in industry which we find are firmly rooted in the minds of many people. These old-fashioned ideas are a hang-over from several scores of years ago, when a few scattered women first ventured to work outside the home."

"Now, when there are more than eight and a half million working women, when one-fourth of the wage-earners in the United States are women, these antiquated traditions about women in industry are as much out of place as hoop skirts and spinning wheels, and just as useless and cumbersome."

MISCHIEF WROUGHT.

"The first to discard is the pin-money theory. What mischief it has wrought in keeping women's wages low! Are you guilty?"
"Too often a woman's so-called pin money is the family coupling pin, the only means of holding the family together."

As to those who believe that "woman's place is in the home":

The airplane will be the most important link in future national defense. Commercial projects, with airships and airplanes plying between the larger cities of the country, will spring into being as soon as Federal legislation is secured.

Commercial aviation has long since passed the experimental stage and there is immediate necessity for well-defined laws governing aeronautics. Early action by Congress will have a marked effect in the development of a new transportation industry.

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SPECIAL TRAIN

Leaves Washington (Union Station) 7:30 a. m.
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HARDING TO PARDON 12 WAR PRISONERS

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Release of Men Today.

By Universal Service.

At least twelve of the men held in Federal prisons for violating the war espionage act will get their freedom as a New Year greeting from President Harding, it was announced yesterday.

The President is studying the record in each case and will select those in which the offense was slightest and the families of the prisoners are in greatest need, it was said.

He will not make the names public until today, when the wardens of the prisons will receive telegrams directing the release of the men.

The White House let it be known that this action on the part of the President is not to be construed as a general amnesty to political prisoners, but as decisions in specific cases which have merit. From time to time, it was said, others of the prisoners will be pardoned.

Surety Firm to Finish Bell School Contract

The contract of the H. D. Watts Company for the construction of the Bell School, on Second street between D street and Virginia avenue southwest, has been changed so as to provide for the completion of the school by the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, surety for the contractors, it became known yesterday.

The contract of the Watts company was cancelled last week. Under an agreement reached at a conference between the surety company, the contractors and the Commissioners, power of attorney is to be given to the surety company by the Watts company and the former agrees to rush work on the project.

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Presbyterian Bible Class Will Hold Spelling Bee

A spelling bee will be held by the Young Ladies Bible Class of the Western Presbyterian Church, Nineteenth and H streets northwest, January 2. The program will be in charge of the members of the Washington Choral Society.

An opportunity will be given any one present to compete for the prize which will be donated by S. Kann Sons & Company.

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Features in The Washington Times-Herald Tomorrow Lloyd George

In current article of this exclusive series, England's Ex-Premier presents a Review of 1922, discusses the outlook for world peace and expresses his disapproval of French policy toward Germany on reparations. And he praises American statesmanship for originating Disarmament Conference.

Kathleen Norris

"Your Happiness in the New Year" is Kathleen's message this week and she gives some pertinent hints on how to achieve and retain that happiness.

Josephus Daniels

Lloyd George and Clemenceau made a serious mistake at Versailles, according to Daniels and gives his ideas on European debts and the way out.

"Too Many Above the Prohibition Law"

Says Haynes

Federal commissioner defends his organization on grounds that no law is enforced 100 per cent. Times-Herald survey of the boot-legging traffic indicates uncertain outlook for Volsteadism.

Viktor Flambeau

International art critic talks about Polish art exhibition which opens at the Art Center Sunday — illustrations of Polish paintings and sculpture.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson

"Soap Is Best Poison Gas" says famous physician, in article on diseases of the skin. Another of the helpful "Health" series.

Actors Once Outlaws

Stage folk in olden times were looked upon as vagabonds, "play-acting" was prohibited and both actors and spectators liable to arrest. Plays were then disguised as "moral lectures," in marked contrast to modern productions.

Will Capt. Leavitt Find Lusitania's Treasure?

Famous deep-sea diver tells why he is confident of success in his greatest venture and pictures thrills and chills of the diver's life.

International Page

A page of timely topics and interesting personalities from abroad—this Sunday—

**Life Story of
Tim Healy**
The new governor-general of Ireland.

Arnold Bennett
Picks the six greatest Britons.

Ricci
Talks on Italy's debt.

Ex-Premier Caillaux
Tells about French finance.

J. D. Clifford
A glimpse of life in Moscow.

How Coue Cures

An analysis of Dr. Coue's methods and the principles of psychoanalysis, by a learned contemporary.

Pretentious Public Building Plans for Washington in 1923

Many new public and semi-public buildings and several memorials will be completed or well under way, among them the Washington Auditorium, Freer Gallery and Chamber of Commerce.

What Can a Man Do Without Education or Trade—Go to Jail?

Wm. J. Sullivan, Late of Washington, Now In Sing Sing, Asks This Question and Appeals for Aid.

CITY LIFE SECTION

All your old favorites and some new ones—McGurk, Powers, McIntyre, George Ade, Lee Somers, Jim Ring, Bill Price, Hugh Hennessey, a new comic "S'Matter Pop" and a bright new column, "The Stop Gap," by "Olio."

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